



- Squirrels may be hunted only with shotgun from the fourth Saturday in May through October 15 and from January 1 through February 15. Daily limit: 6.
- Groundhogs may be hunted only with shotgun from the day following the prescribed spring turkey hunting season through October 15. Daily limit: statewide.
- Doves may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. during the statewide season. Daily limit: statewide.
- Deer hunting by managed hunt permit only. Hunters must apply for a permit through the managed hunt drawing system. Application information is available at most Conservation Department offices.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Waterfowl hunting is by special managed hunts only.
- Spring turkey hunting is permitted during special managed hunts. Fall firearms turkey hunting is prohibited. Fall archery turkey hunting is permitted only by holders of an archer's hunting permit who have been selected to participate in the area's

managed deer hunt; turkeys may only be taken prior to taking a deer.

- Woodcock and crow are open under statewide regulations.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.
- Furbearers treed with the aid of dogs may be taken using any prescribed method during the prescribed furbearer season, except that:
  - Coyotes may be taken only by shotgun from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from the fourth Saturday in May through September 30 and from December 15 through March 31.
  - Furbearers other than coyotes not treed with the aid of dogs may be taken only by shotgun from December 15 through the end of the prescribed furbearer season.
  - All furbearers may be taken during managed deer hunts that coincide with the prescribed furbearer season using methods allowed for deer by participants holding a valid managed deer-hunting permit and the prescribed permit for taking furbearers.

### For local information, contact:

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area  
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St. Charles, MO 63304  
(636) 441-4554  
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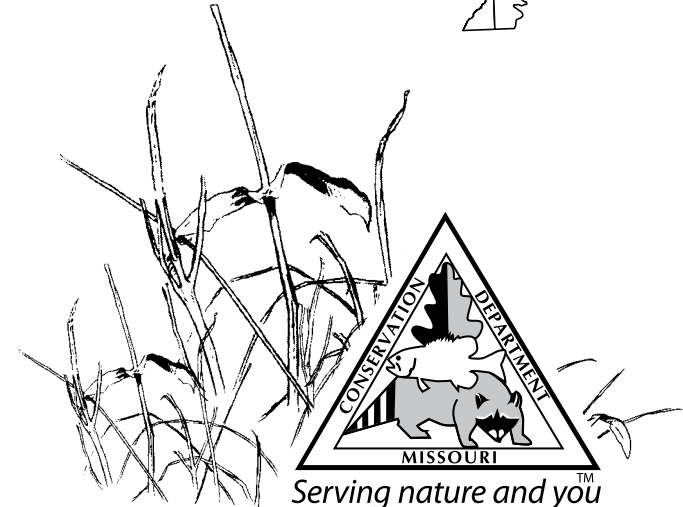
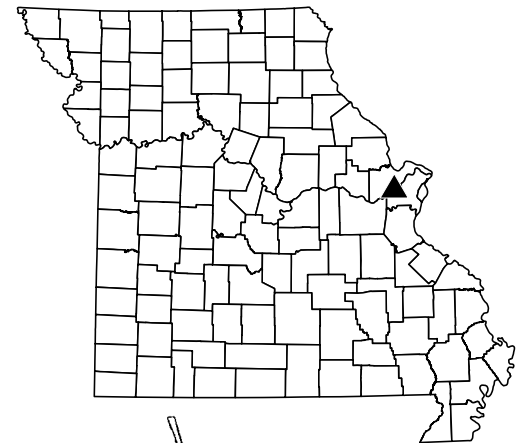
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

# August A. Busch Memorial

## CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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## Area Highlights

This 6,987-acre area contains 3,000 acres of forest in addition to grassland, cropland, old fields, prairie and wetlands. Facilities/features: boat rentals, picnic areas and a pavilion, hiking trails, fishing jetties, fishing docks, staffed firearms range, archery range, viewing blinds and a visitor center. The area also has 32 fishable lakes and ponds totaling 550 acres. It is located south on Highway 94 from Highway 40/61 then 1.5 miles on Route D.

Portions of the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area were used by the Department of Army in the 1940s for TNT and DNT production and by the Atomic Energy Commission in the 1960s for uranium ore processing. The affected portions were all part of a federal environmental cleanup project and required to meet certain environmental health and safety standards. The area is now considered to be safe for all recreational pursuits allowed on the area, as well as the wildlife found within the area. To find out more about the history of these activities on the area, you can visit the Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center located at 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles MO 63304.

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking  
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

*The Conservation Area is closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized hunting, trapping and dog-training activities.*

- For safety reasons target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range.
- Dog training: The training of hunting dogs by holders of a Missouri hunting permit is permitted in designated areas.
- Special-use permits are required for field trials.

- Horseback riding is permitted only while training hunting dogs or when necessary in field trials (special-use permit required for field trials).
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Digging is not permitted for any purpose.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas. Roads open to vehicles are designated on map.
- Bicycling is allowed on public roads or trails designated for their use.
- Fires are only permitted in the picnic areas in existing barbecue grills.
- Artifact Collecting: It is unlawful to remove any artifacts, including arrowheads.
- Swimming is prohibited.



## Fishing

*A state fishing permit is required of all anglers from the ages of 16 to 64. Fishing is permitted on designated waters from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- No live bait may be captured on the area, except that gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.
- Private boats are prohibited. Rental boats are generally available April 1 through September 30. Only electric motors are permitted.
- Some lakes may be closed to fishing. Check bulletin board at lake.
- Trout are stocked in several lakes from November

to February. Special regulations apply. A trout permit is required for all persons catching and keeping trout. Contact area headquarters for information.

- Frogs may be taken by pole and line, gig, hand or hand net.

## Daily Fish Limits

- Black bass (largemouth) – 2
- White bass, striped bass and their hybrids in the aggregate (combined) – 4
- Channel catfish, flathead catfish and blue catfish in the aggregate (combined) – 4
- Crappie – 30
- Muskie – 1
- Bluegill and other sunfish – 10
- All other fish - statewide limits, but not to exceed 10 in the aggregate (combined).
- All black bass less than 15 inches in total length; all flathead catfish less than 24 inches total length; white bass, striped bass and their hybrids less than 20 inches total length; and all muskies less than 36 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught, except on lakes 33 and 35 where no black bass less than 18 inches total length may be taken or possessed.
- Lake 12 – Children 15 and under only may fish. One pole limit. Two (2) fish limit.
- Lakes 16, 31 and 32 are catch-and-release fishing only. Artificial lures, flies and soft plastic baits only. No fish may be possessed on these lakes.

## Hunting and Trapping

- Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited except during special managed deer hunts, and except that raccoons may be taken with a rimfire .22-caliber or smaller firearm when treed with the aid of dogs.
- Hunters may not hunt on or within 100 feet of any trails, or roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Rabbits may be hunted with shotgun only from Jan. 1 through Feb. 15. Daily limit: 4.